

JOINT MEETING
TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 1, 2012

1. Roll Call and Meeting Properly Posted:
 - A. Notice of the meeting was properly posted in the Town. Town Chair Kris Hampton and Town Supervisors Mike Fonger, Steve Anders, Mike Kindschi and Mike DuPlayee were present.
 - B. Notice of the meeting was properly posted in the Village. Village President Diane Wiedenbeck and Trustees Ed Lemay, Harvey Potter, Ken Dahl, Micah Zielke, Jack Henrich and Jennifer Pickel were present.
2. Call to order:
 - A. Hampton called the Town Board to order at 6:30 P.M.
 - B. Wiedenbeck called the Village Board to order at 6:30 P.M.
3. Public Concerns: Public's opportunity to speak to Board Members about any subject that is not a specific agenda item: None.
4. Discuss/Consider approval of minutes from the October 4, 2012 meeting: **MOTION** by DuPlayee/Wiedenbeck to approve the October 4, 2012 minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED 9-0-3** (Kindschi, Fonger and Lemay abstained).
5. Discuss effects of traffic and drainage from Homburg Equipment, Inc.'s E. Westlawn Heights Preliminary Plat on Town roads and residents: Wiedenbeck referred to a 2008 traffic study performed by D'Onofrio Kottke and Associates, Inc. for Veridian homes, which drew conclusions that connection to Mourning Dove Drive and Pheasant Run would increase traffic on these roads but within the generally accepted traffic engineering standards for capacity on similar town roads. Hampton referred to minutes from the May 1, 2008 Joint Town/Village Board meeting when the Town Board indicated that no connection to the town roads would be allowed. The discussion that followed included public safety concerns from Town Board members due to the increased vehicle, bicycle and foot traffic on Mourning Dove and/or Pheasant Run if the connections are made. Linda Elsberry, 2738 Mourning Dove Drive, and Deb Huemmer, 2751 Pheasant Run, also expressed concerns over the traffic that would result from connecting the roads. Both of them preferred to keep the Town Roads as dead ends and force traffic to continue to use Lindsay and Killian. It was also mentioned that the corner of Sandpiper and Mourning Dove are already dangerous and more traffic would only make that situation worse.

Pickel expressed concern over the new development having only one way in and out if the connections are not made. Wiedenbeck said she is comfortable with this since other Homburg subdivisions started out that way, with additional access added in later phases. She also said that Homburg Equipment, Inc. is willing to construct the 20 foot connections between the new village streets and the town roads at no charge to the Town if done at the same time as the roads are built. Hampton said that if the roads are ever to be connected, the town roads should be improved now at the expense of the developer, rather than later when the developer may be out of the picture, leaving the cost to fall on the Town and/or its residents. There was some back and forth discussion about whether it would be better to connect and improve just Mourning Dove, or to just connect Pheasant Run, thinking that the traffic impact might be less on Pheasant Run due to the turns.

Anders said that obviously the Village has been in discussions with the developer for some time, and questioned why the Village did not ask the Town Board to weigh in on the road connections earlier in the process.

Ultimately it was decided that no conclusions were to be reached tonight, and the discussion was tabled

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until the December joint meeting, with hopes that Andrew Homburg would be able to attend.

There was brief discussion about possible impact on Town residents due to stormwater run-off from the new development, but Wiedenbeck said that according to the developer, the stormwater situation would be better than it is currently due to all of the run-off being diverted into a retention pond.

6. Update on merger referendum information meetings: There were 28 people in attendance at the meeting held at the Town Hall, and 11 at the meeting at the Village Hall, 8 of which were town residents.
7. Update on Deer-Grove EMS Agreement: The Village has approved the agreement, and it is on the Town Board agenda for November 5th.
8. Update on Law Enforcement Agreement: Village Attorney Lee Boushea is reviewing it before the November 27th Law Enforcement Committee meeting.
9. Update on Town's 2013 contribution to the Village recreation program: Hampton stated that after seeing that the Town's portion of the joint police department budget will increase by over \$20,000 in 2013, the Town Board has only budgeted \$5,000 for the joint recreation program. Pickel said she does not know where the recreation department will come up with another \$5,000.
10. Adjournment:
 - A. **MOTION** by Zielke/Pickel to adjourn the Village Board. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**
 - B. **MOTION** by DuPlayee/Kindschi to adjourn the Town Board. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The meeting ended at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Kim Banigan, Town Clerk
Approved 12-06-2012